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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 23 September 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 16-40 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 16-40 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 25 April 2001 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION***Drawings***

The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a). The drawings must show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Therefore, the address form must be shown or the feature(s) canceled from the claim(s). No new matter should be entered.

Corrected drawing sheets are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as "amended." If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet, and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and appropriate changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency. Additional replacement sheets may be necessary to show the renumbering of the remaining figures. The replacement sheet(s) should be labeled "Replacement Sheet" in the page header (as per 37 CFR 1.84(c)) so as not to obstruct any portion of the drawing figures. If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

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The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 16-40 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Williams et al. (US2002/0032573).

As to claim 16, Williams et al. discloses a device comprising a client sub-system comprising a browser; a centralized database and a server sub-system (fig. 3) capable of being configured to receive shipping information; compare shipping information; select at least one shipping carrier (fig. 19); display the shipping carrier and accept at least one of a user ID and password (fig. 7) and a separate address form (fig. 27) and the user capable of using the carriers website (ie USPS, FedEx) to print a shipping label.

As to claim 17, disclosed is displaying component (computer monitor) capable of displaying a home page and a sending component (connection means between computers) capable of sending an inquiry.

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As to claim 18, disclosed is a mouse button.

As to claim 19, disclosed is the sending component capable of functioning in response to a voice command.

As to claim 20, disclosed is the system capable of being configured to be protected from unauthorized individuals.

As to claim 21, disclosed is a sub-server (fig. 3) capable of being configured with a collection component (database/servers; fig. 3); a tracking component (database/servers; fig. 3); a displaying component (monitor); a receiving component (computer); and an accessing component (computer).

As to claim 22, disclosed is the server sub-system capable of being configured with a receiving component.

As to claim 23, disclosed is the server sub-system capable of being configured with a processing component.

As to claim 24, disclosed is a retrieving component (fig. 3).

As to claim 25, disclosed is an information fulfillment component (internet).

As to claim 26, disclosed is the server sub-system capable of being configured receive a place of origin; update the carrier information and store the information.

As to claim 27, disclosed is a device connected to a client sub-system.

As to claim 28, disclosed is the server sub-system capable of being configured to update carrier info and store the info.

As to claim 29, disclosed a server sub-system capable of being configured to track the carrier info system and store the info.

As to claim 30, disclosed a server sub-system capable of being configured to download requested information and display the requested info.

As to claim 31, disclosed is a printer.

As to claim 32, disclosed is an acceptance of an inquiry by a user.

As to claim 33, disclosed the server capable of receiving an inquiry and display information on the client.

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As to claim 34, disclosed is the submitting of requests on a pull down menu.

As to claim 35, disclosed is the server capable of displaying HTML documents.

As to claim 36, disclosed is displaying alternatives.

As to claim 37, disclosed is the server capable of being configured to access the database; search the database; retrieve info; and transmit the info.

As to claim 38, disclosed is a home page (fig. 7).

As to claim 39, disclosed is a server.

As to claim 40, disclosed is an internet.

Conclusion

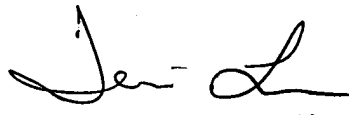
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jordan Lofdahl whose telephone number is 703.605.1217. The examiner can normally be reached on m-f 9-5.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Teri Luu can be reached on 703.305.7421. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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